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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 6, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the attached petition for an extension of time and payment of the prescribed fee, Applicants have extended the due date for this response to January 6, 2006.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract appended to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

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